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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)
Vaidyanathan et al.

Examiner
Anil Khatri

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 (a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on Aug 11, 2001.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-39 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above, claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-39 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claims _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are objected to by the Examiner.
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

*See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

- 14) ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

Attachment(s)

- 15) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 18) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____
- 16) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 19) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 17) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s). _____ 20) ☐ Other: _____

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Response to Amendment

1. This action is in response to the argument filed on 8/11/2001.
2. Claims 1-4, 15, 22 and 32 are stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being unpatentable over Potts et al US Patent no. 5,627,958 and claims 5-14, 16-21, 23-31 and 33-39 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) unpatentable over Potts et al US Patent no. 5,627,958 taken with Hobson et al US Patent no. 5,694,559.
3. Applicant's argument with respect to claims 1-39 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

In the remark, the applicant argues that cited reference fails to suggest:

4. I) "An automatic help module is invoked upon the occurrence of a predetermined event"
II) "The predetermined event begins the process of giving help or reference information to a user of the editor without any further action by user", as to claims 1 and 22.
III) "Detecting an event, searching for information on an identifier in response to the event and displaying the information" as to claims 15 and 32.
5. In response to applicant's arguments,
I) It was noted that Potts et al teaches computer based training system and fairly discloses invoking help utilities (see figures 6A and 6B) upon event has taken place. Therefore, examiner

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interprets that once any event has happened help module invoked by predetermined conditions.

Thus, limitations are met by the reference.

II) It was noted by the applicant Potts et al teaches additional step of displaying and help with reference of figures 6A and 6B in response to an event. Potts et al fairly teaches (column 19, line 17, "an eventinfo object which stores information about a particular event is instantiated from an Eventinfo class"). Therefore, it represents that event has been instantiated and help is provided to the user upon detection of event and particular utility such as help invoked. Thus, limitations are met by the reference.

III) It was noted that cited reference fairly teaches about event detection and searching for information (column 19, line 20, "the eventinfo class hierarchy includes nine derived eventinfo class which contains the state of information about the various standard CBT messages"). Therefore, examiner interprets that eventinfo class as a parent class includes the information and when to trigger the event for derived classes and provide them information from the top as lower classes or modules need particular information. Thus, limitation are met by the references(s).

Conclusion


6. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO


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MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Anil Khatri whose telephone number is (703) 305-0282, Mon-Fri (8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.) or contact the Supervisor Mr. Mark Powell (703) 305-9703

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